President’s Message

Dear Altrusans,

Welcome 2020 and a New Year! What better time to focus on Altrusa’s service projects and outreach events. These events provide a forum for Altrusans to share our literacy and volunteerism activities with those residing in our communities. Educating community members as to what Altrusa has successfully accomplished as well as future goals should hopefully attract new members. I believe most people desire to contribute on some level within their respective communities. It gives one purpose and satisfaction.

A primary goal for our club (and Altrusa worldwide) includes increasing membership. This should be something we collectively work on throughout the year. Membership growth will enable us to do more in support of our communities. With this in mind, please be sure to forward names and addresses of potential members to Sandra as soon as possible. Our membership tea is scheduled February 23, 2020. The Santa Maria Street Fair scheduled March 29, 2020 will also serve to introduce or reacquaint local residents with Altrusa International of Santa Maria. This activity should serve to reiterate our organizations’ purpose and goals. As with all our activities, success is dependent on team effort.

Yours in Altrusa,
Susan Spears, President
Committee News

Literacy

Books/Materials Report

Jan 79 children’s books – Mary Buren School
71 Rodeo fun books – Guadalupe Boys/Girls Club
7 children’s books – Salvation Army
62 magazines – Marian Residence
21 children’s books – Battles School
9 books & 14 magazines – Santa Maria Library

I reported last month about our visit to the T.C. House. I have nothing else to report beyond the book and magazine distribution above for December.

We will have our Literacy Program Mtg. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Giovanni’s Restaurant in the Oak Knolls Center from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Our speaker will be Colleen Marlett the author of “An Unexpected Life”. The author describes her life as a roller coaster ride and since I have read her book I agree! It is an amazing life story from the beginning so I hope you will be here to hear about it from her. We will each order our own dinner from Giovanni’s menu and also have our usual raffle.

If you have not turned in your tea can, please try to remember it next month. As always, please bring in your magazines, adult books and children’s books to be distributed in our community. If you can’t bring them to my house or Anna’s, please call me at 805-937-4065 and I can pick them up. Thank you for all your donations.

Thank you!
Submitted by,
Lorine Edens

February Birthdays

Sandra Sylvester Feb 15
Cheryl Ausan Feb 18
Rhoda DeLeon Feb 18
Lorine Edens Feb 20
Donna Wilson Feb 27

Announcements

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” Author Unknown
Communications

Wow what a surprise at our business meeting, our dear friend, past president, emeritus member Carole Rich sent our Foundation a check for $5,000 to be used at our discretion. We are so grateful Carole thinks so highly of our Club. After she moved to Tucson, she remained a non-primary member and while she was still able to sent us hand-crafted items for our Extravaganza. At the 100th International Convention in Nashville, our members got to spend some time with her, however her health has deteriorated so we may not see her at future conferences/conventions.

Sunshine: Betty Z suffered a fall but is doing okay. Elyse and Sally both have health issues, Rosie is sending cards.

Extravaganza:
Another wow, our total income from Extravaganza was $80,232!! After expenses total profit was $50,449, the club received a check for $5,044 and the Foundation $45,405 – what a great fundraiser, and Cheryl was able to obtain trees this year from Kmart Headquarters.

Reminder: Members must send their reservations prior to 2 March. Ellen is handling reservations this year and Diane has forms.

Submitted by,
Diane Alleman-Stevens

Membership

Annual Membership Tea
SUNNY HILLS
Sunday, February 23
12:30 Social
1:00 to 3:30 Program TEA

Baked Potato Bar - Membership
Tea, Water and drinks - Communications
Salads (no potato please) - Literacy
Dessert - Service

I also ask that each member bring a raffle prize to this annual event.

Submitted by,
Sandra Sylvester
Announcements

Our Club has a NEW website!!!!!!

We now have a website: altruasm.com
Our password is Altrusa 2019.
Username: altruasm@gmail.com.

February 12th at Sunnyhills
1650 E Clark Ave, SM, CA

2nd Wednesday of each month:

Board meeting 6:00 p.m.
Business meeting 6:30 p.m.

February is Membership Committee

Reminders: When it is your committee’s month, your committee shall provide refreshments for the Business meeting prepare and present the Program meeting and present an Altrusa Accent and Inspiration.

Committee Chairs: The business meeting prior to your business meeting, check supplies, i.e., plates, napkins, forks, etc., and purchase if needed.

Rosie’s phone number in yearbook is incorrect; it should be 805-742-6241
January 7, 2020

Dear Volunteers and Friends of Days for Girls Santa Barbara,

Happy New Year and a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have made it possible for our team to provide sustainable DfG feminine hygiene kits and health education to impoverished school age girls. In April, we assembled 100 kits that were distributed in El Salvador and in August, we collaborated with teams across the United States and contributed another 100 kits that were sent to refugee camps in the Middle East.

The Altrusa International Clubs of Santa Maria, Golden Valley, and Central Coast provided grant funding which enabled us to purchase sewing machines and equipment needed to meet the Days for Girls precise sewing standards. A contribution from the Rotary Club of Goleta Valley and contributions from individual donors ensure that we will continue our work in 2020.

Each Days for Girls feminine hygiene kit contains eleven sewn components. Our volunteers sewed and packed 2200 components that included shields, flannel liners and drawstring bags. We are grateful to Kim Sims, Denise Carey, Brenda Alcazar, Margaret Cheverez, and Kathy Hancock, all new sewing volunteers joining us this year.

Finally, thank you for helping girls realize their potential when they are able to attend school every day with confidence and dignity. Period.

Gratefully,

Jane Sweeney Co-Leader; Jean Howard Co-Leader; Ruby Pronovost Procurement